

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 15, and add new claims 22-26 as follows:

15. (Amended) A method for inhibiting reading of an optical disc, comprising the following steps:

- (a) providing an optical disc comprising machine-readable, information-encoding features, and a reading-inhibit agent, said inhibit agent activated by optical radiation and operative, once activated, to alter the disc to inhibit reading and to provide a short effective life for the disc;
- (b) providing a reading device operative to read the disc, said reading device comprising a source of optical radiation; and
- (c) reading the disc with the source while concurrently activating the inhibit agent with optical radiation from the source.

22. (New) A method for inhibiting reading of an optical disc, said method comprising the following steps:

- (a) providing an optical disc comprising:
machine-readable, information-encoding features;
a barrier layer releasably coupled to the disc, said barrier layer configured to prevent machine reading of the features; and,
a reading-inhibit agent, included in the disc and activated by removal of the barrier layer, said reading-inhibit agent operative, once activated, to initially allow reading of the disc, and then to alter the disc to inhibit reading of the disc; then
- (b) removing the barrier layer to allow machine reading of the features and to activate the reading inhibit agent; then,
- (c) reading the disc after removal of the barrier layer but before the disc is altered by the reading inhibit agent to inhibit reading of the disc; and then,